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1. The Czestochowa Seamless Tube Factory was formerly called Huta Czestochowa, but since May 1952, when the present plant was completed, it has been renamed Huta Bieruta. The factory is located in the suburb of Blesno.
2. The plant at Czestochowa now employs 2,000 workmen, a quarter of whom are women. Their wages depend on the production they achieve. The norm is fixed in accordance with the quotas for the Six Year Plan. Ordinary unskilled workers' pay ranges between four hundred and a maximum of nine hundred zlotys per month.
3. There has been a sizeable reduction of food rations in the country, which has also affected the workers, the majority of whom are anti-Russian and blame the Russians for their worsening conditions. The [] workmen, who helped in the factory installations recently, received better and larger rations, with a special staff of women cooks to prepare their meals. 50X1-HUM
4. The management of the factory complained frequently about the shortage of manpower, which is mainly due to the uneconomic distribution of labor. Out of six workmen only two do productive work. The other four combine the duties of supervision, political screening and policing. There has been no sabotage among the workers of this factory, but they work without effort and are clumsy, a fact which is attributed to lack of training and lack of interest. 50X1-HUM
5. During the installation of the electrical plant by [] technicians from [] a certain Zdukiewicz was the manager in charge of electrical plants and installations. After this work was completed Zdukiewicz was placed in charge of the entire new factory. While in [] during 1951, he visited the [] factory and others. 50X1-HUM

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6. A certain Wlodarczyk, an able technician, acted as foreman during the ^Italians' work in the factory, and assisted in the work of installing the technical plant. 50X1-HUM
7. The new factory was completed on 19 May 1952 when the first three tubes were produced under [] supervision, by the Poles, by way of experiment. They proved to be entirely successful. 50X1-HUM
8. During the last seven months a Russian civilian mission visited the factory four or five times on an official tour of inspection. The Russian mission consisted of about six persons, who appeared to be experts, a number of attendants, who appeared to know nothing about the work, as well as a number of Polish executives from Warsaw and Krakow. During these visits the Polish workers [] were turned out of the plant, which was entirely empty except for the visitors. 50X1-HUM
9. Early production on a large scale will not be possible because of the incomplete training of the local workmen. At least six or seven months will elapse before full production can be achieved.
10. Immediately after the successful tests were completed, an order was placed by the Russians for 1,000 tons of seamless tubes, with a diameter of 283 mm. This is the maximum diameter of tubes to be produced by the plant and also in the whole of Poland. The Polish managers in the plant believe that the tubes ordered by the Russians are intended for oil pipe lines and for the controlling of initial oil spouts during boring operations.
11. The raw materials required by the factory for making these tubes arrive already in the form of the composite alloy, in the shape of ingots, from Huta Batory, which is the largest metal producing plant in Upper Silesia.
12. The new Huta Bieruta has its own power station and is independent of any other source of power. 50X1-HUM
13. The Poles are desirous of obtaining electrical equipment from [] for other factories, but [] who supplied the electrical equipment in the Czestochowa factory, have so far declined offers and invitations to send more technicians. All those whom [] had sent to Czestochowa have now returned [] 50X1-HUM

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